

No. 08/573,392, which was issued on August 4, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,790,697 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed January 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed February 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 further claims the benefit of a continuation-in-part U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053, which was issued on November 30, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication".

U.S. States Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/011,688 filed February 15, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996.--

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#### REMARKS

Claims 169-200 are pending in the application. No amendments to the claims have been made by this Preliminary Amendment. The Applicants have amended the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications".

#### Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicants are concurrently submitting a Sixth Information Disclosure Statement. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review these references and make them of record.

#### CONCLUSION

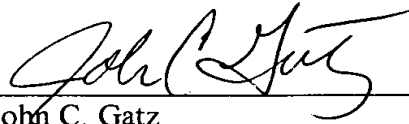
The Applicants have included a clean version of the Specification after entry of this Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47171-00268USC1) for any fees inadvertently omitted which may be necessary

now or during the pendency of this application, except for the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Clean Version Of Amended Paragraphs Of Applicants' Specification  
Incorporating Amendments Made Pursuant To The Preliminary Amendment**

- The paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 4 of Applicants' "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" section up to, but not including the section entitled "Field of Invention" now reads:

--This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 filed May 28, 1997, which issued on November 6, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,311,819, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/126,580, filed July 30, 1998 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", which claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/573,392, which was issued on August 4, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,790,697 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents".

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